

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully studied the outstanding Office Action. The present amendment is intended to place the application in condition for allowance and is believed to overcome all of the objections and rejections made by the Examiner. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.


Applicants have cancelled claims 1 – 3, 5 – 7, 10, 13 and 15 – 17 without prejudice, and amended claims 4, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 18 and 19 to more properly claim the present invention. No new matter has been added. Claims 4, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 18 and 19 are presented for examination.

On pages 17 – 21 of the Office Action the Examiner objects to claims 4, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 18 and 19, and indicates that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base and intervening claims, and amended to correct errors. Applicants have amended these claims accordingly.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants respectfully submit that the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
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